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- 1 1. A method to verify a dialed number, comprising:
2 receiving a request from a calling party to send a first call station a number
3 sent from said first call station and associated with a second call station; and
4 sending said number in accordance with said request.
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- 3 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
4 determining whether a first call request to connect said first call station with
5 said second call station is active; and
6 terminating said first call request in accordance with said determination prior
7 to sending said first call station said number.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 sending a reconnect request to said first call station after said number is sent;
3 receiving a response to said reconnect request; and
4 sending a second call request to connect said first call station with said second
5 call station.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein said second call request utilizes said number.
- 1 5. The method of claim 3, wherein said second call request utilizes another
2 number.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said sending comprises:
2 converting said number to audio form; and
3 sending said number to said first call station in audio form.

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1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said first call station is associated with a
2 display device, and said sending comprises sending said number to said display
3 device.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein said display device is a caller identification
2 display device.

1 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising sending indicia of said request to a
2 billing system.

1 10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
2 recording said request by said billing system; and
3 billing said request to the calling party.

1 11. A machine-readable medium whose contents cause a computer system to verify
2 a dialed number, comprising:
3 receiving a request from a calling party to send a first call station a number
4 sent from said first call station and associated with a second call station; and
5 sending said number in accordance with said request.

557 1 12. The machine-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising:
2 determining whether a first call request to connect said first call station with
3 said second call station is active; and
4 terminating said call request in accordance with said determination prior to
5 sending said first call station said number.

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- 1 13. The machine-readable medium of claim 12, further comprising:
2 sending a reconnect request to said first call station after said number is sent;
3 receiving a response to said reconnect request; and
4 sending a second call request to connect said first call station with said second
5 call station.
- 1 14. The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein said second call request
2 utilizes said number.
- 1 15. The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein said second call request
2 utilizes another number.
- 1 16. The machine-readable medium of claim 11, wherein said sending comprises:
2 converting said number to audio form; and
3 sending said number to said first call station in audio form.
- 1 17. The machine-readable medium of claim 11, wherein said first call station is
2 associated with a display device, and said sending comprises sending said
3 number to said display device.
- 1 18. The machine-readable medium of claim 17, wherein said display device is a
2 caller identification display device.
- 1 19. The machine-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising sending indicia
2 of said request to a billing system.

1 20. The machine-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising:
2 recording said request by said billing system; and
3 billing said request to the calling party.

SWD 23 21. An apparatus to verify a dialed number, comprising a dialed number
3 verification module to receive a dialed number verification request from a
4 calling station and to send said dialed number to said calling station in response
to said request.

1 22. A method of delivering a dialed number to a calling party over a network,
2 comprising:
3 connecting a first call station used by said calling party to a messaging
4 platform to create a message for a second call station;
5 determining whether to send said first call station a number associated with
6 said second call station; and
7 sending said number to said first call station in accordance with said
8 determination.

1 23. The method of claim 22, wherein said connecting comprises:
2 receiving a call request to connect said first call station to said second call
3 station using said number;
4 determining whether said second call station answers said call request;
5 determining whether to create a message for said second call station if said
6 second call station does not answer said call request; and
7 connecting said first call station to said messaging platform if said first call
8 station is to create said message.

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1 24. The method of claim 22, wherein said determining comprises:
2 sending a dialed number verification request to said first call station;
3 receiving a response to said dialed number verification request indicating
4 whether to send said first call station said number; and
5 determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance
6 with said response.

1 25. The method of claim 22, wherein said determining comprises:
2 accessing a user profile associated with said first call station and having a
3 predetermined dialed number verification response; and
4 determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance
5 with said response.

1 26. The method of claim 22, wherein said determining comprises:
2 accessing a system profile associated with said messaging platform and having
3 a predetermined dialed number verification response; and
4 determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance
5 with said response.

1 27. The method of claim 22, wherein said determining comprises:
2 accessing a user profile associated with said second call station and having a
3 predetermined dialed number verification response; and
4 determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance
5 with said response.

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1 28. The method of claim 22, wherein said sending comprises:
2 retrieving said number; and
3 sending said number to said first call station over a public switched telephone
4 network.

1 29. The method of claim 28, wherein said retrieving comprises:
2 receiving a message creation request having said number at said messaging
3 platform;
4 storing said number in memory; and
5 retrieving said number from said memory.

1 30. The method of claim 28, wherein said retrieving comprises:
2 sending a number request to a device storing said number; and
3 receiving said number from said device.

1 31. The method of claim 30, wherein said device provides dialed number
2 identification services.

1 32. The method of claim 22, wherein said messaging platform is part of an
2 intelligent services network.

1 33. The method of claim 22, wherein said messaging platform comprises customer
2 premise equipment.

1 34. The method of claim 33, wherein said customer premise equipment comprises
2 a telephone answering machine.
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1 35. The method of claim 22, further comprising sending indicia of said request to
2 a billing system.

1 36. The method of claim 35, further comprising:
2 recording said request by said billing system; and
3 billing said request to the calling party.

1 37. A machine-readable medium whose contents cause a computer system to
2 deliver a dialed number to a calling party over a network to connect a first call
3 station to a second call station, comprising:
4 connecting said first call station to a messaging platform connected to said
5 network to create a message for said second call station;
6 determining whether to send said first call station a number associated with
7 said second call station; and
8 sending said number to said first call station in accordance with said
9 determination.

1 38. The machine-readable medium of claim 37, wherein said connecting
2 comprises:
3 receiving a call request to connect a first call station to said second call station
4 using said number;
5 determining whether said second call station answers said call request;
6 determining whether to create a message for said second call station if said
7 second call station does not answer said call request; and
8 connecting said first call station to said messaging platform if said first call
9 station is to create said message.

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1 39. The machine-readable medium of claim 37, wherein said determining
2 comprises:
3 sending a dialed number verification request to said first call station;
4 receiving a response to said dialed number verification request indicating
5 whether to send said first call station said number; and
6 determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance
7 with said response.

1 40. The machine-readable medium of claim 37, wherein said determining
2 comprises:
3 accessing a user profile associated with said first call station and having a
4 predetermined dialed number verification response; and
5 determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance
6 with said response.

1 41. The machine-readable medium of claim 37, wherein said determining
2 comprises:
3 accessing a system profile associated with said messaging platform and having
4 a predetermined dialed number verification response; and
5 determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance
6 with said response.

1 42. The machine-readable medium of claim 37, wherein said determining
 2 comprises:
 3 accessing a user profile associated with said second call station and having a
 4 predetermined dialed number verification response; and
 5 determining whether to send said first call station said number in accordance
 6 with said response.

1 43. The machine-readable medium of claim 37, wherein said sending comprises:
 2 retrieving said number; and
 3 sending said number to said first call station using a public switched telephone
 4 network.

1 44. The machine-readable medium of claim 43, wherein said retrieving comprises:
 2 receiving a message creation request having said number at said messaging
 3 platform;
 4 storing said number in memory; and
 5 retrieving said number from said memory.

1 45. The machine-readable medium of claim 43, wherein said retrieving comprises:
 2 sending a number request to a device storing said number; and
 3 receiving said number from said device.

1 46. The machine-readable medium of claim 37, further comprising sending indicia
 2 of said request to a billing system.

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1 47. The machine-readable medium of claim 46, further comprising:
2 recording said request by said billing system; and
3 billing said request to the calling party.

1 48. An apparatus to deliver a dialed number to a calling party over a network to
2 connect a first call station to a second call station, comprising:
3 a messaging platform connected to said network to record a voice message
4 created by said first call station for said second call station, said second call station
5 having a number associated with said second call station; and
6 a dialed number verification module connected to said messaging platform,
7 said message verification module sending said number to said first call station prior to
8 creating said message.

1 49. The apparatus of claim 48, wherein said messaging platform comprises:
2 a message control processor; and
3 an audio interface to send said number to said first call station in audio form.

1 50. The apparatus of claim 48, wherein said messaging platform comprises a voice
2 answering machine.

1 51. The apparatus of claim 48, wherein said messaging platform also connects to
2 an intelligent services network.

1 52. A system to deliver a dialed number to a calling party over a network,
2 comprising:
3 a first call station;
4 a second call station;
5 said network connecting said first call station to said second call station, said
6 network receiving a number sent by said first call station to connect said second call
7 station with said first call station; and
8 a messaging platform connected to said network, said messaging platform
9 sending said number to said first call station prior to creating a message for said
10 second call station.

1 53. The method of claim 22, wherein said determining and sending is performed
2 by said message platform.

1 54. The method of claim 22, wherein said determining and sending is performed
2 by a network device other than said messaging platform.

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